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# **Revised Fiscal Note**

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| Bill Topic:                  | CRIME VICTIMS SERVICES  |   |  |  |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Summary of<br>Fiscal Impact: | and expands community-base  | ☐ TABOR Refund ☐ Local Government ☐ Statutory Public Entity  m for organizations providing services to crime victims d support for domestic violence programs. It transfers eases state expenditures beginning in FY 2022-23. |  |  |
| Appropriation<br>Summary:    | No appropriation is required, as expenditures are paid from continuously appropriated cash funds. |   |  |  |
| Fiscal Note<br>Status:       | The revised fiscal note reflect Judiciary Committee.  | cts the reengrossed bill, as amended by the House   |  |  |

# Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts Under SB 22-183

|                      |  | Budget Year<br>FY 2022-23 | Out Year<br>FY 2023-24 |
|----------------------|--|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue              |  | -                         | -                      |
| Expenditures         | Colorado Crime Victim Services Fund    | \$11,647,902              | \$11,635,502           |
|                      | State DVSA Services Fund               | \$3,341,781               | \$2,060,581            |
|                      | Centrally Appropriated                 | \$47,274                  | \$47,274               |
|                      | Total Expenditures                     | \$15,036,957              | \$13,743,357           |
|                      | Total FTE                              | 3.0 FTE                   | 3.0 FTE                |
| Transfers            | Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund | (\$35.0 million)          | -                      |
|                      | Colorado Crime Victim Services Fund    | \$35.0 million            | -                      |
|                      | Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund | (\$6.0 million)           | -                      |
|                      | State DVSA Services Fund               | \$6.0 million             | -                      |
|                      | Net Transfer                           | \$0                       | -                      |
| Other Budget Impacts |  | -                         | -                      |

### **Summary of Legislation**

The bill creates a grant program to support crime victims, updates existing practices that support domestic violence programs, and makes transfers to fund these activities. Due to state and federal requirements, funding allocated to each program by the bill must be used during the next 2-4 years.

Crime victim services. The bill creates a grant program in the Department of Public Safety (CDPS) to award grants to government agencies and nonprofit organizations that provide services to crime victims. CDPS must annually update its website with information about the organizations that receive funding from the grant program. The bill transfers \$35 million to the Colorado Crime Victim Services Fund, a new continuously appropriated cash fund created for the grant program. The grant program is repealed on July 1, 2027.

**Domestic violence programs.** Under current law, the Department of Human Services (CDHS) must reimburse nonprofit organizations or local governments that operate certain domestic violence programs. The bill requires CDHS to reimburse nonprofit organizations or tribal governments operating domestic violence, sexual assault, or culturally specific programs. CDHS may also enter into contracts with state or tribal coalitions to provide training and technical assistance to such programs. The bill changes statutory references to "domestic abuse" to "domestic violence or sexual assault." CDHS must annually update its website with information on these activities. The bill creates the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Fund, and transfers \$6 million to the fund to support expanded program activities. Money in the fund is continuously appropriated to CDHS.

**Other provisions.** The bill limits members of the Crime Victim Services Advisory Board to three consecutive, three-year terms. The FY 2021-22 Long Bill includes spending authority for CDPS and CDHS for the State Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Program and the Domestic Abuse Program, respectively. The bill extends that spending authority for FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24.

#### **State Transfers**

Within three days of the bill's effective date, it requires the following transfers:

- \$35 million from the Economic Recovery and Relief Cash Fund to newly created Colorado Crime Victim Services Fund; and
- \$6 million from the Behavioral and Mental Health Cash Fund to the newly created State Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services Fund.

### **State Expenditures**

The bill increases state cash fund expenditures in CDPS and CDHS by \$15.0 million in FY 2022-23 and \$13.7 million in FY 2023-24. If these programs continue beyond the spending deadline for ARPA-originating funds, General Fund may be required beginning in FY 2024-25. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under SB 22-183

| Cost Components                           |           | FY 2022-23   | FY 2023-24   |
|---|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| Department of Public Safety               |           |              |              |
| Personal Services                         |           | \$132,802    | \$132,802    |
| Operating Expenses                        |           | \$2,700      | \$2,700      |
| Capital Outlay Costs                      |           | \$12,400     | -            |
| Grant Program                             |           | \$11,500,000 | \$11,500,000 |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup> |           | \$31,946     | \$31,946     |
| FTE – Personal Services                   |           | 2.0 FTE      | 2.0 FTE      |
| CDPS Subtotal                             |           | \$11,679,848 | \$11,667,448 |
| Department of Human Services              |           |              |              |
| Personal Services                         |           | \$59,231     | \$59,231     |
| Operating Expenses                        |           | \$1,350      | \$1,350      |
| Capital Outlay Costs                      |           | \$6,200      | -            |
| Additional Community-Based Support        |           | \$2,000,000  | \$2,000,000  |
| System Enhancements                       |           | \$1,075,000  | -            |
| Needs Assessment                          |           | \$200,000    | -            |
| Centrally Appropriated Costs <sup>1</sup> |           | \$15,328     | \$15,328     |
| FTE – Personal Services                   |           | 1.0 FTE      | 1.0 FTE      |
| CDHS Subtotal                             |           | \$3,357,109  | \$2,075,909  |
|   | Total     | \$15,036,957 | \$13,743,357 |
|   | Total FTE | 3.0 FTE      | 3.0 FTE      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Centrally appropriated costs are not included in the bill's appropriation.

**Department of Public Safety.** Costs will increase to administer the new crime victim services grant program, including reviewing applications, monitoring awards, and reporting on the use of funds. The DPS will require 2.0 FTE for this work. Standard operating and capital outlay costs for this staff are included. The remainder of the transferred funds will be available for grants; the estimate in the fiscal note is for informational purposes only and is based on three years of grant distributions. The actual amount of funds disbursed via grants will depend on the number of applications received and award decisions made by the department.

To the extent that CDPS has unused spending authority from its current year FY 2021-22 appropriation for the State Victims Assistance and Law Enforcement Program, expenditures may increase in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24. The FY 2021-22 spending authority is \$1.5 million.

**Department of Human Services.** The CDHS will conduct a system-wide needs assessment, enhance the existing domestic violence service network, update its website, and make upgrades to the services database used by its Domestic Violence Program, in addition to providing additional support to community-based organizations. These activities require 1.0 FTE, and standard operating and capital outlay costs for this staff are included. As with the grants above, programmatic costs are for informational purposes; actual spending will be determined on a year-to-year basis depending on the needs of partner entities, available funds, and decisions by CDHS.

To the extent that CDHS has unused spending authority from its current year FY 2021-22 appropriation for the Domestic Abuse Program, expenditures may increase in FY 2022-23 and FY 2023-24. The FY 2021-22 spending authority is \$4.75 million.

**Centrally appropriated costs.** Pursuant to a Joint Budget Committee policy, certain costs associated with this bill are addressed through the annual budget process and centrally appropriated in the Long Bill or supplemental appropriations bills, rather than in this bill. These costs, which include employee insurance and supplemental employee retirement payments, are shown in Table 2.

#### **Local Government**

To the extent that local governments apply for and receive grants, their revenue and expenditures will increase.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

#### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Human Services Information Technology
Law Personnel and Administration

Public Safety Treasury